

OC ACM Committee October 2015 Meeting Agenda & Notes

- Introductions
- Review and approve prior meeting minutes
- Treasurer's report & ACM Annual Report
- UCI ACM Student Chapter Update
- Operational planning for the next program meeting
- Identify and discuss potential future program speakers
- Corporate sponsorship guidelines and recruiting
- ACM Student Contests
- Updated Chapter Website
- Hosting Data Science Workshops (Update)
- Other business

Attendees

- Don Black
- Nilo Niccolai
- Shaun McThomas
- Lalit Patel
- Dan Whelan

Treasurer's Report

- Current ACM account balance is **\$309.75**
 - Includes \$9.75 donation from Don Black via WePay on 9/11/2015.
 - Includes \$-14.00 account fees from Wells Fargo on 9/30/2015.
- Pending expenses:
 - Reimbursement to Dan Whelan for \$106.20
- Net balance of **\$203.55**

UCI ACM Student Chapter Update

Shaun McThomas, UCI ACM Chapter Vice Chair

- The UCI ACM Student Chapter has about 40 active members, of which 4 – 5 are graduate students.
- They meet on Monday and Wednesday evenings to study algorithms and practice for the upcoming *International Collegiate Programming Contest (ICPC)*. They usually have 12 – 25 members at their meetings.
- Their standing meetings conflict with our bi-monthly Wednesday evening program meeting.
- Allen Sellinger is their chapters Corporate Communications chair and Shaun suggested that Allen could serve as a focal point for communications with our chapter and with Nilo in his University Relations role.
- MeridianLink sponsors their meetings and covers pizza and soda expenses, etc.
- Shaun offered to share information about our chapter events with his members and post links on his chapter's Facebook page.

November 11th Meeting Planning

- *Big Data: Hope or Hype?*
Padhraic Symth, Professor, Department of Computer Science, UCI, and Director, UCI Data Science Initiative
- Current status – More than 70 registrants as of 10/28/2015
- Upcoming Promotion Activity
- We need Volunteers
 - Setup
 - Greet / Sign-in
 - Network
 - Donations
 - Clean-up
- Food Budget
 - Existing inventory of:
 - 82 cans of Coke, Sprite and Pepsi
 - ~20 small bottles of water
 - Chips and nuts
 - Expenditures to date of \$106, request approval to spend an additional \$50
- ACM Printed Collateral available and to be distributed at the meeting

Notes:

1. *A motion was made and approved to allow Dan Whelan to spend an additional \$50 on food and materials for the November meeting.*
2. *Nilo volunteered to help out at the November meeting. Steve has also volunteered. Dan will solicit other volunteers.*

Future Speakers

- January 2016
 - Dmitri Alperovitch (or delegate), CrowdStrike CTO
 - Potential IEEE CyberSecurity SIG collaboration and cross-promotion opportunity
 - Communication with Dmitri has gone quiet; recently connected with CrowdStrike's Chief Product Officer and asked for his assistance
 - Blizzard Entertainment
 - Reached out via a recent Blizzard contact to ask for an intro to their CTO
 - *Note: Don Black asked that if we have a gaming industry speaker, that we coordinate with the GameSIG, e.g. invite them to our meeting and ask that they publicize the meeting to their membership*
- Other suggestions?
 - Social
 - Cloud Computing
 - 3D Printing
 - Machine Learning, NLP, etc.
 - Deep Learning – *Emphasized by Don Black; Dan Whelan to check if IBM can provide a speaker.*
 - Text Classification
 - IoT
 - Mobile Apps
 - Robotics
 - Embedded Systems
 - Educational Software – Agents, Courseware, etc.

Other Potential Speakers

- Mike Carey, UCI ICS Professor, AsterixDB
 - Nominated by Shirley Tseng
 - Unavailable to speak on Wednesday evenings.

Corporate Sponsorships

- Review Sponsorship Collateral
- Recruit volunteers to approach specific sponsors
- Do we need to do a test run first?

Notes:

- 1. General agreement that the draft document is reasonable.*
- 2. Requested that Dan check to ensure that our sponsorship program is within ACM policies*
- 3. Agreement that we should test the document on a couple of potential sponsors, get feedback and tune accordingly.*

OC Headquartered High Tech Companies

- Software companies [Blizzard Entertainment](#), [Sage North America](#) and [Quest Software](#).
- Computer products companies [Western Digital Corporation](#) and [Toshiba America Information Systems](#) and [Kingston Technology](#).
- Chipmakers [Broadcom](#), [Mircrosemi](#), [Conexant Systems](#) and [Mindspeed Technologies](#).
- Contract electronic makers [Express Manufacturing](#), [TTM Technologies](#) and [DDI Corp](#).
- Orange County is also home to flat panel tv manufacturer [Vizio](#).

Source <http://www.locationoc.com/business-climate/industry-clusters/high-tech/>

ACM Student Contests

1) The ACM **International Collegiate Programming Contest (ICPC)** as proposed by Dean Michael Fahy, to be held in September (at Chapman or UCI?)

<https://icpc.baylor.edu/>

Some chapters are holding preliminary ICPC's prior to September. Michael & Nilo have already started thinking about it. I guess they must be our ICPC Committee.

2) The ACM **Student Research Competition (SRC)**.

<http://src.acm.org/>

Each SIG issues a Call for Papers. Winners present their papers at the related ACM conference. MicroSoft contributes \$120,000 per year for (I assume) student travel. Our role would be primarily one of promoting the opportunity to the local ACM Students and their Faculty Advisors

3) **The Fifth GameSIG Intercollegiate Computer Game Showcase** will be held at the UCI I4I this year. Winning university takes home the GameSIG Cup. It is a coalition of OC universities and colleges, the IEEE-OC, and ACM-OC. To further this relationship, I would like for the ACM-OC to offer website space on our oc.acm.org server to the GameSIG to promote the event. The Showcase is not just for ACM students, but for all university & college students of the OC area.

4) ACM **Hour-of-Code** for non-programmers of any age from 4 to 104.

<https://hourofcode.com/us>

The Hour of Code is a global movement reaching tens of millions of students in 180+ countries. Anyone, anywhere can organize an Hour of Code event. One-hour tutorials are available in over 40 languages. No experience needed. Ages 4 to 104.

One hour sessions can be lead by interested ACM members, or we can have a presentation for teachers in how to lead an Hour-of-Code.

Updated OC ACM Website

- Many thanks to Lalit!
- Discuss publishing meeting minutes and treasurer's reports

Notes:

- 1. Decision that for the time being committee meeting notes and treasurer's reports will be posted on the OC ACM Meetup site using the "Files" capability there and made available to OC ACM Meetup members.*

Data Science Workshops

- Homer Strong offered to host Data Science workshops
Refer to <http://datascience.uci.edu/past-events/>
- Is this something that we would be interested in hosting?
 - Yes
- What questions do we have for Homer?
 - Where? Here at the Institute for Innovation?
 - Cost to stage?
 - Charge participants (at least a minimum amount to lock people in)
 - Do you need volunteers?
 - What do participants need to provide?
- Status – Pending Homer’s discussion with Prof. Smyth
 - Homer has expressed interest in ACM’s help recruiting instructors and assistant instructors

Current Chapter Roles

Position	Officer
Chair	Don V. Black, Ph.D.
Vice Chair	Daniel Whelan, Ph.D.
Treasurer	Kevin Fowler
Secretary	Rebecca Perry, Ph.D.
Programs	Daniel Whelan, Ph.D. (acting)
Communications	Steve Steinberg, Ph.D.
University Liaison	Nilo Niccolai, Ph.D.
Membership	Daniel Whelan, Ph.D. (acting)
Social Media	Linda Sellheim
Webmaster	Lalit Patel
Friday Afternoon Club	Joe McCarthy
Members-at-Large	Lance Eliot, Ph.D.

Other Business

- General discussion about the *International Collegiate Programming Contest (ICPC)*. Shaun indicated that Riverside does a good job running the event for the region and has about 300 coders on-site. General consensus was that this is a much larger undertaking than we thought it would be and there was no interest among the meeting participants to try to host this event ourselves in the near future.
- Don asked if the GameSIG organization could host its web-site on our chapter's ACM hosted server. There was not great support for doing so given that this is a separate organization over which we have no control. Dan will check with the ACM about web site content policies.
- Don requested that Dan tune our Meetup to make answering questions about ACM membership mandatory for membership. Dan will investigate.
- Shaun informed the committee of the upcoming HackUCI hackathon which is being hosted by yet another student group. It is scheduled for late November. We offered to help promote it if so requested.